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FOR: SHIFT CONTROL APPARATUS AND SHIFT CONTROL METHOD FOR A VEHICULAR AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

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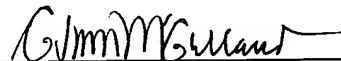
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (11-287317) on Form PTO-1449:**

When a predetermined condition for executing a downshift while coasting has been fulfilled, a hydraulic pressure to be supplied to a clutch to be applied is controlled such that a rotational speed of an input shaft of an automatic transmission matches a target value at which a weak engine brake is maintained. When a fuel cut has been cancelled during control to drain the clutch apply pressure, there is an abrupt increase in engine speed. Despite this increase in engine speed, however, an increase in the turbine rotational speed is delayed due to sufficient torque capacity of the clutch to be released.

**Reference AP (11-287318) on Form PTO-1449:**

When a clutch-to-clutch downshift, in which a clutch to be released is released and a clutch to be applied is applied, is performed, feedback control is executed such that hydraulic pressure supplied to the clutch to be released is decreased and a transmitted torque capacity of the clutch to be applied becomes constant without the clutch to be applied being completely applied.

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